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ACTUATOR FOR INCITING A MOVEMENT OF A TEAT CUP CLUSTER

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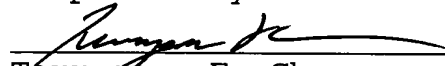
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Patent Office Restriction Requirement dated August 4, 2009, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 80-112 and 124-130 with traverse. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the restriction requirement since a search for the elected invention would necessarily entail a search for the non-elected invention since they are all directed to analogous subject matter. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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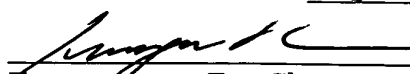
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